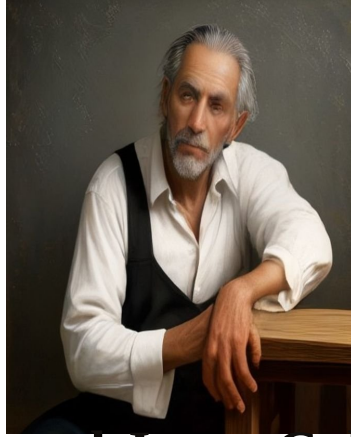




Manuel Jorge Cabral

November 30, 1954 - August 26, 2026

Warwick, Rhode Island

Manuel Jorge Cabral died in Warwick on August 26, 2026. He was seventy-one. Born there on November 30, 1954, to parents who had come from Terceira by way of a long patience, he grew up in a city that still had jewelry benches at the edges and offices in the middle. He learned English at school and a second set of manners at the table. He never treated either language as a costume.

He apprenticed in a small shop that made findings no one famous would ever name: clasps, settings, the metal that lets a better-known piece keep its reputation. Later he assembled pieces on a line that moved faster than the paystubs admitted. He was the man who could hear a bad press before the gauge did, and the man who brought extra bread for the night shift because he remembered being hungry at nineteen. He did not call himself a jeweler. He called himself employed, which he treated as a moral category.

He married Linh Cabral in 1979, in a church that still used the old parking lot for both weddings and funerals. They bought a house in a neighborhood that later became expensive around them. They stayed. Two daughters went through public schools Manuel trusted more than he trusted real-estate talk. After the shop closed he repaired lawnmowers in the garage and refused to charge a widow what the parts actually cost.

Neighbors remember a quiet man who swept his sidewalk and yours if the wind had been unfair, who kept a coffee can of screws labeled in two languages, and who could sit through a graduation without making it about himself. He liked the bay early, before the heat, when the salt marsh still looked like a place a person could walk. He died in Warwick, the only city he had ever needed. The garage light is off. The work he left in other people's machines is still turning.

Services

A memorial in Warwick with tea and photographs afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a trade program or adult English class is welcome.

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